

persons for the coming year? We have before us public answers to these inquiries, supposing that all here who had taken the slightest pains to do so had already satisfied themselves upon this head.

For the purpose, therefore, of informing our friends upon the Atlantic side, as well as to check any undue disposition to speculate in our stocks and to preclude them below their actual value, we are happy to have it in our power to lay before our readers the following exhibit of the debt and resources of the State, from data obtained from official sources.

The whole number of persons in California subject to poll tax of \$5 each cannot be less than fifty thousand. \$250,000
Property subject to 1/100 of 1 per cent tax, \$1,000,000,000 \$1,000,000
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RECAPITULATION.
From Poll Tax, \$250,000
From 1/100 of 1 per cent tax on \$1,000,000,000 property \$1,000,000
From foreign interest tax, \$25,000
Total, \$1,275,000

LIABILITIES.
Expenditures of the State from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1890, inclusive, of every kind, \$20,000,000
Total, \$21,275,000

Leaving a balance in the State Treasury at the close of the next Legislature, \$1,075,000
From a pretty extensive acquaintance all over the State, and no little personal observation, we do not hesitate to affirm, as our own deliberate conviction, that the foregoing statement is a candid and reliable exposition of our financial condition.

To prove this we need not go very briefly into detail. 1. Almost the entire American population (to say nothing of the numbers of native Californians) is subject to the poll tax. 2. It is the opinion of the best judges that there are \$150,000,000 subject to taxation in this State alone. 3. There are beyond all question over 30,000 foreigners in this State. 4. The average of the population in this city alone is almost incredibly great. But to make the matter still clearer:

Deduct fifty per cent from the poll tax, say \$125,000
Add 1/100 of 1 per cent on \$1,000,000,000 property \$1,000,000
Deduct one fourth from estimated expenditures, \$15,000,000
Total revenue, \$1,110,000
Expenditures, \$20,000,000
Balance, \$1,110,000

Showing conclusively that there will be in the State Treasury, beyond a peradventure, on the last day of January, 1891, a balance of over half a million of dollars.

It is in our mind that the above calculation does not embrace over \$1,000,000 collected in our ports by the military officers of the General Government, of import duties, which, upon every principle of justice and equity, rightly belong to the people of California, and which we have an abundant confidence Congress will in due time award to us.

Another specimen.
A quartz crystal, from the Sacramento Territory, from the Auburn diggings, about three inches long and five inches in circumference—clear as amber. In the center appear the most beautiful variety of forms and shapes ever presented to the eye. A cluster of green metallic moss—an enclosed formation like an amethyst—arabesque, gilded hues and colors perfectly transparent, and the center of the circumference of the crystal, innumerable small jets of some metallic substance, bearing an exact resemblance to the shining blue steel hair spring of a watch. This specimen would be highly valued in the States. We are told the owner has refused \$500 for it. Some of our Eastern societies ought to send along a boatman to sample our wares, a boatman to see how much older this world is than the other, and a mineralogist to hunt for diamonds where there are so many things that look just like them.

FURTHER NEWS FROM EUROPE
BY THE STEAMSHIP EUROPA.

From the English, French and German journals received by the *Trieste* we make up the following additional details of news from Europe. The dates are from Liverpool August 10, London 9, Paris 8.

ENGLAND.
Copyright of American Books.
John Murray having prosecuted Henry Bohn for publishing the works of Washington Irving, whereof Murray holds a copyright, it was stated that the defendant intended to resist their right to publish the works in question upon the suggestion that Mr. Washington Irving was an alien, and that he could assign or transfer the copyright which he had recently been decided by the Court of Exchequer, and it was argued that that decision would govern the case, that the law of copyright conferred no benefit except upon British subjects by birth and domicile. The copyright which it was the object of the present motion to protect had been purchased absolutely for large sums by the late Mr. Murray.

Mr. Russell (with whom was Mr. Giffard) for the defendant, Mr. Bohn, said that what was now complained of by the motion had been going on for three years, during the whole of which time Mr. Murray's copyright, if he had any, had been infringed without any challenge, either in law or equity.

The Vice-Chancellor said he could not help thinking that the point there decided must one day find its way to the House of Lords. He thought the question, which was a very important one, could not as yet be considered finally settled.

On technical grounds the case was postponed to the next term of the Court.

Official Salaries.
The select committee appointed to inquire into official salaries have published their report. The present salaries of the First Lord of the Treasury and of the Chancellor of the Exchequer are £5,000 a year each, with a residence, those of the other officers above-mentioned being the same, but without a residence, not to be reduced. The salary of the Junior Lord of the Treasury is proposed to be reduced from £1,200 to £1,000, and that of the two Secretaries to the Treasury from £2,500 to £2,000. The salaries of the Under Secretaries of State were reduced by the committee of 1850-51 from £2,000 to £1,500, and it is not considered advisable that they should be further reduced. The President of the Council receives £2,000, which the committee consider should be retained. With respect to the Board of Trade, it is recommended that the duties of the Railway Board, formerly discharged by that establishment, should be resumed by it with a view to saving the salary of the Railway Commissioner. The salary of the President of the Board of Trade is proposed to be left unaltered, but that of the Vice-President, who also discharges the duties of Paymaster-General, to be reduced from £2,000 to £1,500 for both offices. The duties of Lord Privy Seal it is recommended should be transferred to some other department, and the salary discontinued. The Judge Advocate's salary is at present £2,000; the committee propose to reduce it to £1,500, and to appoint a member to £1,500, and that the future holder of this office shall not be debared from the practice of his profession. The salaries of the Junior Lords of the Admiralty, of whom two receive £1,200, and the rest £1,000, with a residence, are recommended to be fixed at £1,000, and residences allocated only to the First Lord, Vice-President, Naval Lord, and the Secretary. The office of Master of the Mint is recommended to be discontinued as a Parliamentary office, and its duties performed by a responsible officer under the direction of the Treasury. With regard to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Committee recommended that in case the contemplated change of local Government were made, the salary of this officer should be reduced from £5,500 to £3,000; the reduction to take effect at the next vacancy, or, in case of no vacancy, at the close of the present Parliament. In the department of the Poor Law Board, the Chief Commissioner of which receives £2,000, and the two Secretaries £1,500 each, the latter only are proposed to be reduced to £1,000, but it is suggested that, in view of the circumstances, it is not expedient that the present Secretaries accepted the office, that of the Parliamentary Secretary alone should be immediately reduced.

The next group of official salaries brought under consideration are those of judicial officers. The committee recommended the adoption of the following scale of remuneration—Lord Chancellor, £3,000; Master of the Rolls, £2,000; Vice-Chancellor of England, £1,500; Second Vice-Chancellor, £1,000; Masters in Chancery, each £1,000; Amount in total, £24,000; Chief Justice of Queen's Bench, £7,000; do Common Pleas, £6,000; Chief Baron of Exchequer, £6,000; twelve Puisne Judges, each £5,000. It is understood that the office of Vice-Chancellor is to be abolished on the first vacancy. The retiring allowances of the judges, it is proposed, should be adjusted in proportion to the above scale. In reference to the local Government of the law, a general recommendation for their reduction is made. It is suggested that the Attorney and Solicitor-General be paid a fixed salary instead of fees. On the subject of fees and patronage, in addition to the salaries of judges and other officers of justice, the committee are not decidedly of opinion that they should be entirely abolished, and that all persons hereafter appointed to subordinate offices in courts of law and equity should receive reasonable and moderate salaries, and invariably the duties of these offices in person. All fees on appointments of officers are recommended to be abolished. For Scotland the scale of judges' salaries recommended is as follows: Lord President of the Court of Session, £4,000; Lord Justice Clerk and President of the Second Division of the Court of Session, £3,000; Lords of Session, Judiciary, and Exchequer, each £2,000. No change is recommended as regards the offices of Lord Advocate and Solicitor-General.

For the Irish Courts the following scale of salaries is recommended: Lord Chancellor, £6,000; Master of the Rolls, £4,000; Chief Justice of Queen's Bench, £4,000; Chief Baron of Exchequer, £4,000; Chief Baron of the Exchequer, £4,000; Masters in Chancery, each £2,000. With respect to the subject, namely, diplomatic salaries, the Committee recommended that it should be proposed to the Government of France and Turkey to convert the present Embassies exchanged with those countries into first class Missions; that a single Mission at some central point in Germany should be substituted for the several Missions now existing at Hanover, Dresden, Stuttgart, Munich and Berlin; that the diplomatic at Florence should be united with one of the Italian Missions; that no diplomatic salary should exceed £1,000 per annum exclusive of allowance for residence.

American England's Best Customer.
From the Morning Herald, London.
The value of the produce and manufactures of Great Britain and Ireland for the year 1848 was a little above £247,000,000, and of that amount nearly £195,000,000 worth was consumed at home, and £52,000,000 worth in our colonies, making together £247,000,000. The value of the produce and manufactures of the United States for the same year was £247,000,000, and of that amount nearly £195,000,000 worth was consumed at home, and £52,000,000 worth in our colonies, making together £247,000,000. The value of the produce and manufactures of the United States for the same year was £247,000,000, and of that amount nearly £195,000,000 worth was consumed at home, and £52,000,000 worth in our colonies, making together £247,000,000.

Spain.
Change in the Administration of Cuba.
The Madrid Correspondent of *The Times* furnishes the following interesting intelligence:
The present state of Cuba and the marked disagreement which exists between the Government and the Captain General of the Island, and which have induced the withdrawal of the Count de Mirasol and the commission which accompanied him, and the appointment of General José de la Concha to that command, are the subject of every conversation in Madrid, and as yet no definite result has been reached. There are no doubt many just causes of complaint against the military authorities of the Island of Cuba which have come to light, notwithstanding the difficulty which the inhabitants find to make their complaints heard, and who have been long condemned to suffer in silence the abuses of the authorities. It appears that serious steps will be taken by the Government, and the Council of Ministers, and have enlightened them as to the real state of the colony and the perils which hang over it. A petition has been presented to the Government (this is a fact not known to the public) demanding a more liberal policy, a more enlightened and equitable administration, and an efficacious guarantee against the depredations and excesses of the officials.

Germany.
The Diet at Frankfurt.
The Diet at Frankfurt, when it existed, might sit in a room in a reduced form. The latter, indeed, was most in use, its existence, of course emanating from the Plenum, which it also had the right, under certain circumstances, to call together. The great question for Austria's decision now is whether she shall convene the Plenary or the reduced Diet. The former policy forbids her to call together, as for the latter, she will find it difficult to explain the difference between the Plenary and the reduced Diet.

The Great Storm at Paris.
The Paris correspondent of *The Times* writes as follows: A deluge of rain, accompanied by a thunderstorm and most vivid flashes of lightning, fell on Tuesday, Aug. 6, to an extent scarcely remembered by that most unquenchable of all known authorities, "the oldest inhabitant of Paris." The day before (Monday) the heat was intense and drought. About 10 o'clock a sky, black as ink, and of a deep blue of the blackest hue, and flashes of sheet lightning lighted up the horizon nearly the whole of the sultry night. Toward daybreak a soft light began to fall. About 6 o'clock a mass of cloud, piled heavily and darkly, and charged with the torrents and thunder, hung like a dark canopy over the devoted city. About 8 o'clock the rain fell in a deluge. The growing of the distant thunder was heard. About half past 9 the clouds were torn asunder, and the fragments passed rapidly over the heads, leaving glimpses of a leaden color, and an angry and very sun. 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